

Serial No.: 09/913,815

REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 15, 2005, which argues that restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372 as follows:

- I. Claims 1 to 9 and
- II. Claims 10 and 11

The Examiner argues that Applicant must elect a single group for examination. In this regard, the following election is made without waiver, estoppel and without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected group:

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-9. Applicant submits that the foregoing election conforms this application to the Examiner's requirement to elect a single group.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if such would advance prosecution of this Application in any way.

This statement does NOT authorize charge of the issue fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee specifically authorized herewith, or any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.18 (deficiency only) now or hereafter relative to this Application and the resulting Official document under 37 C.F.R. §1.20, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 19-2814 for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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